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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Defector Citizenship - June 3, 1985 Meeting with
Immigration and Naturalization Service Officials

1. On June 3, 1985, I met with Mr. Greg Leo, Director, Congressional and Public Affairs, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) and Ms. Jane S. Wiegand, Associate General Counsel, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). We discussed the hearings on defector citizenship to be held on June 25, 1985 by the Subcommittee on Legislation, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI). The Department of Justice was invited and in turn has forwarded the invitation to INS.

2. The purpose of our meeting was to discuss the Agency's position on this legislation to solicit INS support and to discuss joint strategy in securing passage of legislation. I explained to Mr. Leo and Ms. Wiegand the Agency's initial proposal, the draft Senate Bill and the Stump Bill. I had previously provided them with these materials as well as a comparison of the three.

3. Both individuals indicated that INS was wholeheartedly and enthusiastically supportive of the Agency's position. It appears that Ms. Wiegand will prepare the first draft of INS testimony and that Mr. Allen Nelson, Commissioner will be the INS witness.

4. Mr. Leo indicated that he was aware that we had contacted the Senate Judiciary Committee. His reading of the situation was that they seemed unopposed to and, in fact, supportive of the Senate version. I solicited his support in contacting additional Senate staff members when the draft SSCI Bill was introduced, and he agreed to do so.

5. I also solicited his support in contacting staff and Members on the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and International Law, and thereafter, staff and Members on the full Committee. He agreed to do this also.

6. I agreed that we would stay in touch and that as soon as we had some "talking points", I would provide them to him

and Ms. Wiegand. In the meantime, she would begin drafting the Commissioner's testimony. Within the next few days, we would begin to contact the House Judiciary Staff and Members.

7. I suggested, and they concurred that the Commissioner's testimony should generally be along the following lines. INS has reviewed pertinent legislation and favors the Administration approach and/or the draft Senate Bill. INS concurs strongly in a need for this legislation. INS has worked and continues to work with the Agency in a very close, secure and cooperative fashion. INS recognizes that expediting granting of citizenship is not something to be done lightly. INS believes, however, that what is done by the legislation is appropriate under the circumstances. Finally, and most importantly, INS does not view this as "selling", "giving away" or otherwise "watering down" citizenship.

8. I will remain in touch with them.

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